

not signed by a party of record, Applicant points out that MPEP § 714.01(c) states:

Signed by Attorney Not of Record

A registered attorney or agent acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34, may sign amendments even though he does not have a power of attorney in the application.

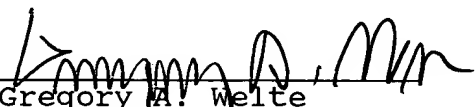
Nevertheless, a Power of Attorney is enclosed herewith.

The undersigned attorney apologizes for the confusion caused by the attempted addition of claim 20. He did not realize that this claim has never been rejected, and therefore cannot be appealed. This Amendment cancels that claim.

As to being responsive to the previous Office Action, Applicant points out that the response was to file an appeal, as allowed by 37 CFR § 1.191(a).

The undersigned attorney, now granted power of attorney, hereby ratifies any and all documents previously signed by him, including the Notice of Appeal and the previous Amendment, both mailed on June 16, 2000.

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